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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII) of 5 August 1954, as amended by the Council's decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2004 is set out in the annex to the present note.

2. Under the terms of Council resolution 1147 (XLI) of 4 August 1966, in 2004 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission for Social Development, the Commission on Human Rights, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Sustainable Development and the Commission on Science and Technology for Development are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2004

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Algeria (2005), Cape Verde (2007), Ghana (2005), Kenya (2007), South Africa (2005)

Four members from Asian States

India* (2004), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2007), Japan* (2004), Republic of Korea (2007)

Four members from Eastern European States

Croatia (2007), Czech Republic* (2004), Russian Federation (2005), Ukraine (2007)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Costa Rica (2005), Cuba (2007), Jamaica* (2004), Mexico* (2004)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Denmark (2005), France* (2004), Greece* (2004), New Zealand (2005), Spain (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2004), United States of America (2007)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Botswana (2005), Cameroon* (2004), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2006), Egypt* (2004), Gambia (2005), Ghana* (2004), Kenya (2007), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2007), Madagascar (2007), Mauritania (2006), Nigeria (2005), Zambia (2005)

Eleven members from Asian States[a]

Bangladesh* (2004), China (2005), India (2005), Indonesia* (2004), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2006), Japan (2007), Malaysia* (2004), Philippines (2006)

Five members from Eastern European States[b]

Hungary (2006), Lithuania* (2004), Poland (2005), Russian Federation (2005)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States[c]

Bolivia (2006), El Salvador (2006), Guyana* (2004), Jamaica (2005), Mexico (2005), Nicaragua (2005), Peru* (2004)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2004), Belgium* (2004), France (2007), Germany* (2004), Ireland (2005), Luxembourg (2006), Netherlands (2007), Norway (2005), Turkey* (2004), United States of America (2005)

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Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

[a] There are three vacancies in this group: two for members whose terms would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2005 and one for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2007.

[b] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2007.

[c] There are two vacancies in this group: one for a term expiring on 31 December 2004 and one for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2007.

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-third session)[a]

Twelve members from African States

Central African Republic (2007), Comoros* (2005), Côte d'Ivoire (2008), Ethiopia (2008), Gabon* (2005), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2007), Mali (2008), Senegal (2007), South Africa* (2005), Tunisia (2008), United Republic of Tanzania* (2005), Zambia (2007)

Ten members from Asian States

Bangladesh* (2005), China* (2005), India (2007), Indonesia (2008), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2007), Japan (2008), Kazakhstan* (2005), Pakistan (2007), Republic of Korea (2008), Viet Nam* (2005)

Five members from Eastern European States[b]

Bulgaria* (2005), Czech Republic* (2005), Romania (2007), Russian Federation (2008)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2007), Chile (2008), Dominican Republic (2007), El Salvador* (2005), Haiti (2008), Jamaica* (2005), Mexico* (2005), Peru (2008), Suriname (2007)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Austria* (2005), Denmark* (2005), France (2008), Germany (2008), Italy* (2005), Malta (2007), Spain (2007), Switzerland* (2005), Turkey (2007), United States of America (2008)

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Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with Council decision 2002/210, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting, in 2005, of the Commission's forty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2009.

[b] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire at the close of the forty-sixth session of the Commission in 2008.

Commission on Human Rights

(53 members; three-year term)

Fifteen members from African States

Burkina Faso (2005), Congo (2006), Egypt (2006), Eritrea (2006), Ethiopia (2006), Gabon (2005), Mauritania (2006), Nigeria (2006), Sierra Leone* (2004), South Africa (2006), Sudan* (2004), Swaziland (2005), Togo* (2004), Uganda* (2004), Zimbabwe (2005)

Twelve members from Asian States

Bahrain* (2004), Bhutan (2006), China (2005), India (2006), Indonesia (2006), Japan (2005), Nepal (2006), Pakistan* (2004), Qatar (2006), Republic of Korea* (2004), Saudi Arabia (2006), Sri Lanka (2005)

Five members from Eastern European States

Armenia* (2004), Croatia* (2004), Hungary (2006), Russian Federation (2006), Ukraine (2005)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2005), Brazil (2005), Chile* (2004), Costa Rica (2006), Cuba (2006), Dominican Republic (2006), Guatemala (2006), Honduras (2006), Mexico* (2004), Paraguay (2005), Peru (2006)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Australia (2005), Austria* (2004), France* (2004), Germany (2005), Ireland (2005), Italy (2006), Netherlands (2006), Sweden* (2004), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2006), United States of America (2005)

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Fourteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-ninth session)[a]

Thirteen members from African States

Algeria (2007), Botswana (2006), Burkina Faso (2006), Congo (2007), Gabon (2006), Ghana (2008), Guinea* (2005), Mauritius (2008), Nigeria (2007), South Africa (2006), Sudan (2006), Tunisia* (2005), United Republic of Tanzania* (2005)

Eleven members from Asian States

China (2008), India (2007), Indonesia (2006), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2006), Japan* (2005), Kazakhstan (2008), Malaysia (2006), Pakistan* (2005), Republic of Korea (2006), Thailand (2007), United Arab Emirates (2006)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2007), Azerbaijan* (2005), Hungary (2008), Russian Federation (2007)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina* (2005), Bolivia (2007), Cuba (2006), Dominican Republic (2008), El Salvador (2008), Guatemala (2006), Nicaragua (2006), Peru* (2005), Suriname (2008)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2007), Canada (2007), Germany* (2005), Iceland (2008), Netherlands* (2005), Turkey (2007), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2005), United States of America (2008)

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Eleven members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with Council decision 2002/234, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting, in 2005, of the Commission's fiftieth session, and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-third session in 2009.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Algeria (2007), Burkina Faso (2005), Cameroon (2007), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2007), Gambia (2005), Madagascar (2007), Nigeria (2005), South Africa (2005), Sudan (2007), Uganda (2007), Zambia (2007)

Twelve members from Asian States[a]

China (2005), India (2007), Indonesia (2005), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2007), Japan (2005), Lao People's Democratic Republic (2007), Lebanon (2007), Malaysia (2007), Myanmar (2007), Pakistan (2005), Thailand (2007), United Arab Emirates (2007)

Six members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2005), Bosnia and Herzegovina (2007), Croatia (2007), Hungary (2007), Russian Federation (2005), Ukraine (2005)

Ten members from Latin American and Caribbean States[a]

Argentina (2007), Brazil (2007), Chile (2007), Colombia (2005), Cuba (2007), Guatemala (2007), Jamaica (2005), Mexico (2005), Nicaragua (2005), Peru (2007)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia (2005), Austria (2007), France (2007), Germany (2007), Israel (2007), Italy (2007), Netherlands (2005), Norway (2007), Spain (2005), Sweden (2007), Switzerland (2007), Turkey (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2005), United States of America (2007)

[a] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49 of 21 June 1991, one seat rotates between Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Asian States in 2003 for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2004.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2005), Botswana (2006), Burundi (2006), Central African Republic (2005), Comoros (2005), Ethiopia (2005), Egypt (2006), Gambia (2005), Mauritania (2005), Nigeria (2006), Uganda (2005), Zambia (2005)

Nine members from Asian States

China (2005), India (2006), Indonesia (2006), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2006), Japan (2005), Pakistan (2005), Republic of Korea (2005), Saudi Arabia (2006), Thailand (2006)

Four members from Eastern European States

Croatia (2005), Czech Republic (2006), Russian Federation (2005), Ukraine (2006)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2006), Cuba (2006), El Salvador (2005), Jamaica (2006), Mexico (2006), Nicaragua (2005), Paraguay (2006), Peru (2005)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria (2005), Canada (2006), Finland (2006), Italy (2005), Turkey (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2006), United States of America (2006)

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term: membership of the thirteenth session)[a]

Thirteen seats for African States

Algeria (2007), Burkina Faso (2007), Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2005), Egypt* (2005), Ethiopia (2006), Gabon* (2005), Ghana (2007), Guinea-Bissau (2006), Lesotho* (2005), Sierra Leone (2007), South Africa* (2005), Sudan (2006), Uganda (2006)

Eleven seats for Asian States

China* (2005), Fiji (2006), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2007), Japan (2006), Kazakhstan (2007), Nepal* (2005), Pakistan (2007), Qatar (2007), Republic of Korea (2006), Saudi Arabia* (2005), Uzbekistan* (2005)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Azerbaijan* (2005), Croatia* (2005), Georgia (2007), Hungary (2006), Russian Federation (2006), the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2007)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda* (2005), Argentina* (2005), Brazil (2007), Colombia (2007), Costa Rica* (2005), Honduras (2006), Jamaica (2006), Paraguay (2007), Peru* (2005), Saint Lucia (2006)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States

Australia (2006), Austria (2007), Belgium* (2005), Canada* (2005), Finland (2007), France (2007), Germany* (2005), Luxembourg (2007), Netherlands (2006), Norway* (2005), Turkey* (2005), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2006), United States of America (2006)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with Council resolution 1997/63, the Council will elect the new members for a three-year term beginning at the organizational meeting, in 2005, of the Commission's fourteenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's sixteenth session in the year 2008.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(33 members; four-year term)

Eight members from African States

Algeria* (2004), Cameroon* (2004), Ethiopia (2006), Ghana* (2004), Lesotho (2006), Morocco (2006), Sierra Leone* (2004), Sudan (2006)

Seven members from Asian States

Bangladesh (2006), China (2006), India (2006), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2006), Jordan* (2004), Philippines* (2004), Sri Lanka* (2004)

Four members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2006), Romania (2006), Russian Federation* (2004), Slovakia* (2004)

Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Bolivia (2006), Brazil* (2004), Chile (2006), Grenada* (2004), Jamaica* (2004), Paraguay (2006)

Eight members from Western European and other States[a]

Austria* (2004), Belgium (2006), Germany (2006), Greece (2006), Spain* (2004), Turkey (2006)

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Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Three members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] There are two vacancies in this group for a term expiring on 31 December 2004.